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Senate passed law for transmission powers last night. Vote for 121 against 22 (all PSC) abstained 21 (19 PSC 2 Communists). Joint session of Parliament met this morning voted decree which will apply the law. Vote 344 for none against and 8 abstentions. Such a decree need not be signed by King.

Baudouin scheduled take oath thereby assuming powers at 3 p.m. today. This title will be Prince Royal. Government will then resign in accordance with tradition.

At 7 p.m. King is to make radio address urging all Belgium to support Baudouin.

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